



State of California
The Resources Agency
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association (OFSRA) / Fuel Reduction-Road Maintenance		
PROJECT LOCATION	T3N, R17E, Sections 30, 31	COUNTY	Tuolumne
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project objective is fire hazard reduction and to provide continuity with previously established fuel breaks. Mastication and handwork will occur 150' each side of roads within the Odd Fellows subdivision. Work will occur on 25 acres of property owned by OFSRA to remove hazardous fuels including brush, tree limbs and small trees from the road corridors. Project runs from Long Barn / Sugar Pine Road East, through the subdivision to Highway 108. Vegetation will be masticated or cut and chipped. Within areas to be treated, all brush and small trees will be removed so that the ladder fuels are eliminated. Residual trees will be pruned to ½ the height or 8' whichever is less. This project will provide continuity to USFS fuel breaks on either side of the OFSRA property. The project will also provide safer ingress and egress for residents and fire equipment.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class §15304 – Minor Alteration to Land
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

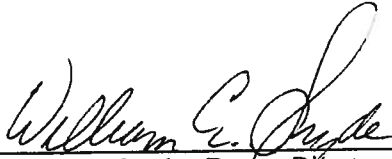
REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Project does not involve the removal of healthy, mature or scenic trees. Previous archaeological surveys for the OFSRA NTMP were negative for sites within the project area. A review of the CNDDB did not reveal the presence of any listed species of plants or animals that could be adversely impacted by this project. Noise impact will be minimized since work will occur during normal business hours. No burning will occur.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact or any cumulative impact will occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems.

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